



# **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

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**DISASTER FIELD OFFICE  
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FEMA-1411-DR-VA  
Commonwealth Situation Report #21  
Wednesday, 26 June 2002 (Final)**

**1. OPERATIONAL PERIOD:**

*1200 hours 19 June 2002 through 1200 hours 26 Jun 2002. (New information in italics)*

**2. SITUATION:**

On the evening of 28 April a severe weather system entered Virginia from the west and, once across the Blue Ridge Mountains, developed into a series of tornadoes. Local emergencies were declared in Bedford City, and Bedford, Campbell, Greensville, and Shenandoah Counties. On 2 May 2002, continuing severe weather impacted Virginia. Wind, rain and flood damage was again widespread with the most severe damage occurring in the southwest part of the state. In Buchanan County, heaviest damage was northeast of Grundy in the vicinity of Hurley, and was due to flash flooding and mudslides. Damaging floodwaters and strong winds also impacted nearby Tazewell County.

On 2 May 2002, Governor Warner declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth in response to the tornado damage on 28 April 2002. On 3 May 2002 the declaration was expanded to include the areas affected by the storms of 2 May.

On 5 May 2002, President Bush declared a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia in FEMA 1411-DR-VA in Buchanan and Tazewell Counties for Individual Assistance (IA) and Hazard Mitigation.

On 8 May 2002, the Major Disaster Declaration was amended to include Public Assistance for the counties of Buchanan and Tazewell.

On 15 May 2002 Amendment No. 2 was made to the Major Disaster Declaration to include Individual Assistance for the counties of Bedford, Campbell, Cumberland, Greensville, Prince Edward, Shenandoah, and the independent City of Bedford.

Effective 17 June 2002, Amendment No. 3 added the counties of Halifax, Pittsylvania, Prince George, Scott and Wise and the independent City of Emporia to the jurisdictions eligible for Individual Assistance under this declaration. Residents may register for IA programs through 5 July 2002.

Functions at the Wise DFO established in a prior declared disaster, DR-1406-VA, have been expanded to include operations for DR-1411-VA. The DFO hours of operation are 0800 hrs to 1630 hrs Monday through Friday. The DFO will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Situation Reports will be published on Tuesdays for FEMA-1406-DR-VA, and Wednesdays for FEMA-1411-DR-VA. *The DFO will close on 28 June 2002. This is the final report on FEMA-1411-DR-VA.*

### 3. WEATHER:

Partly sunny with highs in the lower and mid 80s. Lows from the upper 50s to the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. 60% chance of rain.

### 4. CURRENT PRIORITIES:

- A. Transition debris removal control and coordination to Buchanan County.
- B. Revert to normal departmental operations.

### 5. ONGOING ACTIONS/ISSUES:

#### A. Individual Assistance (IA):

- Residents, requiring disaster assistance, are being referred to the FEMA teleregistration number, 1-800-621-3362, TTY 1-800-462-7585. These numbers are staffed 7 days a week, 0700 to 1900 hrs. *Deadline for teleregistration for this event is 5 July 2002.*

### DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

#### Summary

***Buchanan County DRC, Hurley Middle School, State Route 643, Hurley, VA***

***Opened 7 May 2002 through 25 June 2002***

Date	Today's Recp.	Phone Bank	AA*	SBA*	HazMit*	IFG*	DUA*	CC*	IRS*	AGRI*	INS*	AGING*	VOL*	LEGAL*	Local Official	Paper Apps.
06/24	18	0	12	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	849	143	593	392	275	19	44	8	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	47

\*Applicant Assistance (AA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Hazard Mitigation (HazMit), Individual & Family Grants (IFG), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), Crisis Counseling (CC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Bureau (AGRI), Insurance Help (INS), Aging Services (AGING), Volunteer Agencies (VOL), Legal Help (LEGAL)

- The Hurley DRC closed 25 June 2002. Figures above represent a summary of activities during the operational period.*
- The Donations Warehouse in Grundy, VA has been staffed by Seventh Day Adventists since its onset. Anita Blevins, Volunteer Coordinator, has coordinated operations with the following volunteers and organizations: Catholic Charities, Church of the Brethren, Christian Aid Ministries, the Methodists, Southwest Community College, Church of Christ, and numerous groups of schoolchildren. The center will continue to distribute packaged water, groceries and cleaning supplies until at least 6 July 2002.*
- The Buchanan County Health Department will continue free testing of well water through mid-August 2002.

- The Cumberland Mountain Community Service Board is functioning within the declaration area and providing Mental Health, Crisis Counseling and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing services. The CMCSB contact is Sherry Sanders, Emergency Services Coordinator- (O) 276-964-6703:(C) 276-964-1682.

**The Human Services Program Summary is as follows:**

MASS CARE ACTIVITY		AS OF: COB: 24 May 2002	
Meals served since last report	1,459	Meals served to date	88,833
Shelters open as of report time	0	Total shelters open to date	6
Persons sheltered as of report time	0	Total persons sheltered to date	136
Service centers open as of report time	1	Total service center activations to date	1
Cases open	153	Total mental health contacts to date	127

OPR: OPS SECTION/HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

REGISTRATIONS & CONTACTS		AS OF: COB: 25 June 2002		
	Since Last Report	Designated Counties/City	Undesignated Counties	Cumulative
Teleregistrations	4	1454/7	11	1472
HELPLINE Calls	18	-	-	1662

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DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE		AS OF: COB: 19 June 2002	
CLAIMS		SINCE LAST REPORT	TOTAL
Claims filed		8	27
Claims approved		6	23
Claims denied		2	4
Claims paid		7	21
Dollars disbursed		\$5,270	\$8,891

OPR: OPS SECTION/HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

DISASTER HOUSING PROGRAM		AS OF: COB: 25 June 2002	
REGISTRATIONS		SINCE LAST REPORT	TOTAL
Registrations received		4	1289
Registrations approved		2	986
Registrations ineligible		1	243
Registrations withdrawn		-	43
Registrations pending		-	15
Approved eligible amount		\$591.64	\$1,978,001.30
INSPECTIONS			
Issued for Inspection		3	1299
Inspections completed		5	1294
Inspections outstanding		-	5
Inspectors in Field		-	2
ASSISTANCE CHECKS		AS OF: COB: 24 June 2002	
Number recommended for issuance		17	1,144
Dollar amount of above		\$26,039.56	\$2,310,559.18

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT PROGRAM		AS OF: COB: 25 June 2002	
REGISTRATIONS		SINCE LAST REPORT	TOTAL
Registrations received		2	796
Registrations received by the State		-	762

Registrations pending decision	1	28
Registrations eligible	-	222
Approved eligible amount	-	\$796,464.00
Registrations ineligible	-	497
Registrations withdrawn	-	15
Number of registrations disbursed	-	206
Total disbursed amount	\$25,186.00	\$688,582.00

OPR: OPS SECTION/HUMAN SERVICES BRCH

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY			AS OF: COB: 25 June 2002	
LOAN APPLICATIONS	HOME	BUSINESS	ECONOMIC INJURY (EIDL)	TOTAL
Number issued	680	152	0	832
Number received	192	42	44	278
Number declined	83	18	3	104
Number withdrawn	23	9	30	62
Number approved	75	9	6	90
Dollars approved	\$1,509,100	\$635,000	\$148,200	\$2,292.30
Number pending	11	6	5	22

OPR: SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- *Thirty-five (35) requests for travel trailers have been approved, and thirty-one (31) are being occupied. 9 requests remain as pending. 50 requests were received.*
- *The Virginia Bar Association has activated a toll-free Disaster Legal Services Number, 1-800-552-7977, to provide emergency legal services to disaster victims.*

#### B. Public Assistance (PA)

- *To date, 147 Public Assistance Project Worksheets valued at \$6,864,262.64 are eligible, \$5,140,145.49 has been obligated. 91% of applications have been completed. VDOT PW action should be finalized this date.*
- *A USACE contractor has completed removal of 31,808 tons of debris from the Hurley area. A PW has been raised with Buchanan County to remove the estimated 5,800 cubic yards of debris remaining.*
- *PA Officer provided a tour of Hurley for Tom Majusiak, FEMA Region III Division Director – Response and Recovery, on 19 June.*
- *Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Damage Assessments for eligible sites were received 21 June 2002. These total \$388,104. There is no funding for these projects. A request for funding has been forwarded to NRCS National Headquarters for consideration.*
- *A PW for provision of packaged water to the Grundy Donations Warehouse was expanded to allow continued operations after closure of the DFO.*

#### C. Community Relations (CR):

- *CR contact information and 1-800 flyers were provided to VDEM regional coordinators and local emergency managers in add-on jurisdictions.*
- *CR operations ceased on 21 June 2002. No issues remain outstanding.*

#### D. Hazard Mitigation (HM):

- *The Commonwealth (DHCD) has approved \$33,000 for funding a Grant Intake Coordinator position to coordinate the CDBG.*
- *FEMA Region III has approved the Commonwealth Hazard Mitigation Strategy for this event.*

**E. Public Affairs Office (PAO):**

- *Coordinated a final Press Conference on 26 June 2002. Local TV and print media were in attendance.*
- *Three news releases were prepared this week plus a final Recovery Update release for this event.*
- *Interviewed by VNN on PA allocations for airing a.m. 26 June 2002.*
- *Assisted in final review of debris clearance requirements in Hurley, 25 June 2002*

**F. Legislative Liaison:**

- Notification and contact information was provided to Virginia Delegates and Senators with constituents in the add-on jurisdictions.

**G. Hazardous Materials:**

- Recovery and Disposal has been completed. *The HazMat CP in Grundy is being dismantled this week.*

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26 June 2002

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